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ABSTRACT

This report states that since master's, doctoral, and professional programs (M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., O.D., J.D., and Pharm. D.) are quite different in their nature and admissions patterns, these three general divisions must be discussed separately. After a brief summary of admission patterns for each type of program, there are three statistical tables, all providing specific institutional information for the three general types of program divisions. Table 1 is "Graduate Student Admission, State University of New York, Spring 1972, Summer 1972, and Fall 1972." Table 2 is "Accepted Applications as a Percent of All Applications," and Table 3 is "Enrolled Students as a Percent of Accepted Applications." (JA)

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INTRODUCTION

1972 marks the third year of a state-wide graduate admissions data collection effort. Again this year the Central Staff Office of Institutional Research has summarized the State University of New York portion of the responses to the survey. The current report covers applications, acceptances and new enrollments in all graduate programs for the Spring 1972, Summer 1972, and Fall 1972 term.

Because of the nature of the graduate admissions process, the enrollment data reported here should be used only in the context of this report. For example, only students who have been formally accepted into a graduate program during 1972 are included here. Graduate students admitted to their programs prior to the Spring 1972 term and all non-degree graduate students are not included in any of the enrollment figures in this report.

The 1970 report on State University graduate admissions covered only the fall term experience and consequently the data in this report is comparable only with that of the 1971 report. Comparisons based on just two years of data should be made with caution especially in an area such as graduate admissions which is subject to long term planning by both institutions and students. Nevertheless in specific cases such comparisons may indicate changes in admission policies, programs, or student interests and goals. In addition, those colleges which have experienced an unexplained increase or decrease in either applications or subsequent enrollments may find the data reported here for similiar institutions helpful in analyzing the causes.

This study posed difficult problems to those who were asked to provide the data. Graduate applications may not always be formal, but can be the result of professor-to-professor communications and a central source of information on applications and acceptances seldom exists. The campus persons who compiled the data deserve appreciation for making the report possible.

SUMMARY NOTES

Because the first professional programs (M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., O.D., J.D. and Pharm. D.), masters, and doctoral programs are quite different in their nature and their admissions patterns, they will be discussed separately.

Masters admissions

There were 21,924 applications for masters degree programs in 1972. The University Centers received 10,485 (48 percent), the University Colleges received 8,911 (41 percent), and the remaining 11 percent were received by other senior institutions.

Acceptance rates for these applications varied widely from 27 percent to 98 percent, with an average of 62 percent of the applications given favorable decisions (see Table 2). The application acceptance rates for each type of institution are as follows: University Centers, 54 percent; University Colleges, 77 percent; Health Sciences Centers, 31 percent; Specialized Colleges, 67 percent; and Statutory Colleges, 38 percent.

The number of full-time and part-time masters degree students who actually enrolled (7,314) was considerably less than the number of applications accepted by State University institutions (see Table 3). There are two major reasons for this drop: (1) students are likely to file more than one application, and in the absence of a centralized admissions system for graduate students, the number of unduplicated applicants cannot be identified; and (2) plans for attending graduate school may change, so that the student may not continue his education or may enroll in an institution outside the State University of New York.

The enrollment rates of accepted applicants at each institution vary, from 7 percent to 100 percent (see Table 3). The average percent of enrollment compared to accepted applications was 54 percent, and by institution type the averages were as follows: University Centers, 49 percent; University Colleges, 56 percent; Health Sciences Centers, 80 percent; Specialized Colleges, 64 percent; and Statutory Colleges, 70 percent.

Doctoral admissions

Applications for doctoral degree programs and graduate certificate programs in 1972 totaled 11,214. The University Centers received 8,642 (81 percent), University Colleges received 355 (3 percent), Health Sciences Centers received 987 (9 percent), College of Forestry received 66 (1 percent), and the Statutory Colleges received 1,164 (6 percent).

Acceptance rates for these applications varied from 23 percent to 100 percent, with an average of 40 percent of the applications being accepted (see Table 2). The application acceptance rates for each type of institution are as follows: University Centers, 40 percent; University Colleges, 76 percent; Health Sciences Centers, 29 percent; the College of Forestry, 59 percent; and the Statutory Colleges, 32 percent.

The number of full-time and part-time doctoral degree and graduate certificate students who actually enrolled (2,117) was considerably less than the number of applications accepted by State University institutions, for the same reasons as discussed above for masters students. The enrollment rates of accepted applications varied from 2 percent to 100 percent (see Table 3). The average for all institutions was 47 percent, and by institution type the averages were: University Centers, 45 percent; University Colleges, 51 percent; Health Sciences Centers, 61 percent; College of Forestry, 62 percent; and Statutory Colleges, 54 percent.

First-Professional degree admissions

Considerably different rates of acceptance and enrollment are found for the first-professional graduate programs, necessitating a separate summary:

1. Law (J.D.):

   The only State University institution with a Law School is the University Center at Buffalo. There were 2,507 applications filed for the Law program, and 560 were accepted (22 percent). 202 of the accepted applicants enrolled as students (36 percent).

2. Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy (M.D., D.D.S , Pharm. D.):

   All four Health Sciences Centers enrolled M.D. and D.D.S. students in 1972, but only the Health Sciences Center at Buffalo had a Dentistry program and a Pharmacy program. These data do not permit a separate analysis for Dentistry students.

   There were 20,053 applications for these programs, 1,081 positive decisions (5 percent), and 613 enrolled students (57 percent of the accepted applications). The greatest application pressure was at the Stony Brook Health Sciences Centers, where only 1 percent of the applications were accepted.

   There were no startling differences between the enrollment rate of accepted applicants at each of the Health Sciences Centers. Downstate Medical Center reported 46 percent; Upstate Medical Center, 58 percent; Stony Brook, 48 percent and Buffalo, 74 percent. It must be remembered that the figures for Buffalo included applications and enrollments of the Dentistry and Pharmacy program.

3. Optometry (O.D.):

The State College of Optometry offers the only professional Optometry program within the State University. This program received 205 applications and accepted 33 (16 percent). Of these, 25 students enrolled (76 percent).

4. Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.):

Only the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University has a program of Veterinary Medicine. This program received 588 applications and accepted 65 (11 percent). All of the accepted students enrolled.

Additional graduate enrollment information

If official graduate enrollment data is required, it is available from the Central Staff Office of Institutional Research. We also urge you to check the last page of this report for a complete list of reports published by this office. Copies are available at the campus library of all institutions under the program of the State University of New York.

TABLE 1--GRADUATE STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SPRING 1972, SUMMER 1972 AND FALL 1972

Institution	Total	Those applying for masters degree programs	Those applying for doctoral degree programs[a]	Those applying for M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm.D., O.D. or J.D. programs
All senior institutions				
Applications received	56,491	21,924	11,214	23,353
Applications accepted	19,761	13,554	4,468	1,739
Students enrolled	10,320[b]	7,314	2,117	889
University Centers				
Applications received	21,634	10,485	8,642	2,507[c]
Applications accepted	9,767	5,710	3,497	560[c]
Students enrolled	4,543	2,777	1,580	186[c]
Albany				
Applications received	6,488	5,380	1,108	-
Applications accepted	3,639	3,144	495	-
Students enrolled	1,353	1,088	265	-
Binghamton				
Applications received	2,092	694	1,398	-
Applications accepted	1,362	474	888	-
Students enrolled	594	234	360	-
Buffalo				
Applications received	8,751	3,519	2,725[d]	2,507[c]
Applications accepted	2,776	1,529	687[d]	560[c]
Students enrolled	1,423	923	314[d]	186[c]
Stony Brook				
Applications received	4,303	892	3,411	-
Applications accepted	1,990	563	1,427	-
Students enrolled	1,173	532	641	-
University Colleges				
Applications received	9,266	8,911	355	-
Applications accepted	7,116	6,845	271	-
Students enrolled	3,963	3,826	137	-
Brockport				
Applications received	827	776	51	-
Applications accepted	569	518	51	-
Students enrolled	186	185	1	-
Buffalo				
Applications received	2,230	2,156	74	-
Applications accepted	1,434	1,396	38	-
Students enrolled	1,112	1,082	30	-
Cortland				
Applications received	648	648	-	-
Applications accepted	616	616	-	-
Students enrolled	276	276	-	-

[a]Including University Certificates and Certificates of Advanced Study.

[b]Excluding graduate students who were enrolled but not in formal graduate programs leading to degrees or other advanced awards.

[c]Law students only (J.D. program).

[d]Excluding Certificates of Advanced Study.

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TABLE 1--GRADUATE STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SPRING 1972, SUMMER 1972 AND FALL 1972
(Continued)

Institution	Total	Those applying for masters degree programs	Those applying for doctoral degree programs[a]	Those applying for M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm.D., O.D. or J.D. programs
University Colleges (continued)				
Fredonia				
Applications received	622	622	-	-
Applications accepted	438	438	-	-
Students enrolled	256	256	-	-
Geneseo				
Applications received	627	622	5	-
Applications accepted	404	401	3	-
Students enrolled	245	244	1	-
Herkimer-Rome-Utica				
Applications received	130	125	5	-
Applications accepted	126	122	4	-
Students enrolled	126	122	4	-
New Paltz				
Applications received	2,491	2,392	99	-
Applications accepted	2,226	2,137	89	-
Students enrolled	984	935	49	-
Oneonta				
Applications received	346	346	-	-
Applications accepted	254	254	-	-
Students enrolled	241	241	-	-
Oswego				
Applications received	470	353	117	-
Applications accepted	335	252	83	-
Students enrolled	190	139	51	-
Plattsburgh				
Applications received	525	521	4	-
Applications accepted	400	397	3	-
Students enrolled	324	323	1	-
Potsdam				
Applications received	350	350	-	-
Applications accepted	314	314	-	-
Students enrolled	23[b]	23	-	-
Health Sciences Centers				
Applications received	21,856	816	987	20,053
Applications accepted	1,617	251	285	1,081
Students enrolled	987	201	173	613
Buffalo				
Applications received	7,078	507	693	5,878[c]
Applications accepted	662	153	202	307[c]
Students enrolled	483	129	128	225[c]

[a]Including University Certificates and Certificates of Advanced Study.

[b]Atypical as this number is, it has been confirmed by SUC Potsdam.

[c]M.D., D.D.S. and Pharm.D. students.

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TABLE 1--GRADUATE STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION
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Institution	Total	Those applying for masters degree programs	Those applying for doctoral degree programs[a]	Those applying for M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm.D., O.D. or J.D. programs
Health Sciences Centers (continued)				
Downstate				
Applications received	5,999	-	230	5,769[b]
Applications accepted	549	-	60	489[b]
Students enrolled	261	-	34	227[b]
Stony Brook				
Applications received	4,126	286	-	3,840
Applications accepted	141	91	-	50
Students enrolled	92	68	-	24
Upstate				
Applications received	4,653	23	64	4,566[b]
Applications accepted	265	7	23	235[b]
Students enrolled	151	4	11	136[b]
Specialized Colleges				
Applications received	612	341	66	205
Applications accepted	301	229	39	33
Students enrolled	195	146	24	25
Forestry				
Applications received	287	221	66	-
Applications accepted	163	124	39	-
Students enrolled	84	60	24	-
Maritime				
Applications received	113	113	-	-
Applications accepted	101	101	-	-
Students enrolled	82	82	-	-
Optometry				
Applications received	212	7	-	205[c]
Applications accepted	37	4	-	33[c]
Students enrolled	29	4	-	25[c]
Statutory Colleges				
Applications received	3,123	1,371	1,164	588
Applications accepted	960	519	376	65
Students enrolled	632	364	203	65
Agriculture and Life Sciences				
Applications received	1,709	834	875	-
Applications accepted	618	316	302	-
Students enrolled	372	215	157	-
Ceramics				
Applications received	120	117	3	-
Applications accepted	46	45	1	-
Students enrolled	31	30	1	-

[a]Including University Certificates and Certificates of Advanced Study.

[b]M.D. students only.

[c]O.D. students only.

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TABLE 1--GRADUATE STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SPRING 1972, SUMMER 1972 AND FALL 1972
(Continued)

Institution	Total	Those applying for masters degree programs	Those applying for doctoral degree programs[a]	Those applying for M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm.D., O.D. or J.D. programs
Statutory Colleges (continued)				
Human Ecology				
Applications received	453	227	226	-
Applications accepted	151	99	52	-
Students enrolled	107	75	32	-
Industrial and Labor Relations				
Applications received	217	166	51	-
Applications accepted	57	44	13	-
Students enrolled	39	31	8	-
Veterinary				
Applications received	624	27	9	588[b]
Applications accepted	88	15	8	65[b]
Students enrolled	83	13	5	65[b]

[a]Including University Certificates and Certificates of Advanced Study.

[b]D.V.M. students only.

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TABLE 2--ACCEPTED APPLICATIONS AS A PERCENT OF ALL APPLICATIONS
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SPRING 1972, SUMMER 1972 AND FALL 1972

Institution	For students applying to masters degree programs	For students applying to doctoral degree programs[a]	For students applying to M.D., D.D.S., Pharm.D., D.V.M. and J.D. programs
All senior institutions	62%	40%	7%
University Centers	54%	40%	22%
Albany	58%	45%	-
Binghamton	68%	64%	-
Buffalo	43%	25%	22%
Stony Brook	63%	42%	-
University Colleges	77%	76%[b]	-
Brockport	67%	100%	-
Buffalo	65%	51%	-
Cortland	95%	-	-
Fredonia	70%	-	-
Geneseo	64%	60%	-
Herkimer-Rome-Utica	98%	80%	-
New Paltz	89%	90%	-
Oneonta	73%	-	-
Oswego	71%	71%	-
Plattsburgh	76%	75%	-
Potsdam	90%	-	-
Health Sciences Centers	31%	29%	5%
Buffalo	30%	29%	5%
Downstate	-	26%	8%
Stony Brook	32%	-	1%
Upstate	30%	36%	5%
Specialized Colleges	67%	59%	16%
Forestry	56%	59%	-
Maritime	89%	-	-
Optometry	57%	-	16%
Statutory Colleges	38%	32%	11%
Agricultural and Life Sciences	38%	35%	-
Ceramics	38%	33%	-
Human Ecology	44%	23%	-
Industrial and Labor Relations	27%	25%	-
Veterinary	56%	89%	11%

[a]Including University Certificates and Certificates of Advanced Study.

[b]These are not doctoral programs, but programs which lead to a Certificate of Advanced Study.

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TABLE 3--ENROLLED STUDENTS AS A PERCENT OF ACCEPTED APPLICATIONS
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SPRING 1972, SUMMER 1972 AND FALL 1972

Institution	For students applying to masters degree programs	For students applying to doctoral degree programs[a]	For students applying to M.D., D.D.S., Pharm.D., D.V.M. and J.D. programs
All senior institutions	54%	47%	51%
University Centers	49%	45%	33%
Albany	35%	54%	-
Binghamton	49%	41%	-
Buffalo	60%	46%	33%
Stony Brook	94%	45%	-
University Colleges	56%	51%[b]	-
Brockport	36%	2%	-
Buffalo	78%	79%	-
Cortland	45%	-	-
Fredonia	58%	-	-
Geneseo	61%	33%	-
Herkimer-Rome-Utica	100%	100%	-
New Paltz	44%	55%	-
Oneonta	95%	-	-
Oswego	55%	61%	-
Plattsburgh	81%	33%	-
Potsdam	7%[c]	-	-
Health Sciences Centers	80%	61%	57%
Buffalo	84%	63%	74%
Downstate	-	57%	46%
Stony Brook	75%	-	48%
Upstate	57%	48%	58%
Specialized Colleges	64%	52%	76%
Forestry	48%	62%	-
Maritime	81%	-	-
Optometry	100%	-	76%
Statutory Colleges	70%	54%	100%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	68%	52%	-
Ceramics	67%	100%	-
Human Ecology	76%	62%	-
Industrial and Labor Relations	70%	62%	-
Veterinary	87%	63%	100%

[a] Including University Certificates and Certificates of Advanced Study.

[b] These are not doctoral programs, but programs which lead to a Certificate of Advanced Study.

[c] Atypical as this percent is, it has been confirmed by SUC Potsdam.

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